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The Honorable Phil Isenberg
Chair, Delta Stewardship Council
650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Isenberg:

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that your Council direct the Delta Independent Science Board to conduct an assessment of stressors on populations of native fish species in the Delta, the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and the tributaries to those rivers below the rim dams of the central valley. In our view, the assessment should include, but not necessarily be limited to, those stressors identified in the Delta Vision Strategic Plan, including the impacts of invasive species and nonnative species, water quality impairments, and predation on native species. Once the assessment is completed and compiled by the science panel your Council should then recommend changes in statute and actions by State agencies to remedy the situation in as timely a manner as possible.

As we have learned from experts who have focused on the health of the Delta, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the effects of predation are a significant factor in the decline of native fish species and the resultant impact on health of the Delta fishery. By studying predation and other Delta stressors, we can together identify cost-effective solutions, consistent with the co-equal goals outlined in your statutory charge, to the water supply and environmental challenges facing those who rely on the Delta.

We look forward to the outcome of the assessment and the timely submittal of recommendations that your Council will provide us thereafter.


Sincerely,



Senator Dave Cogdill



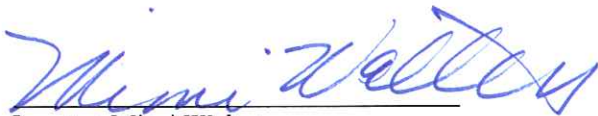
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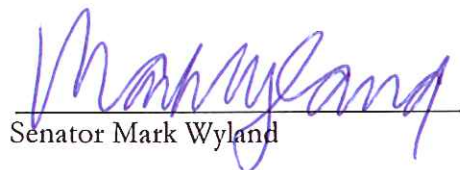


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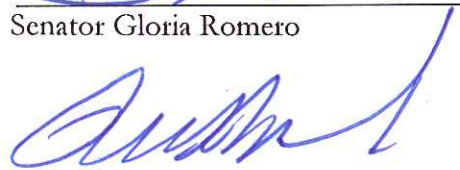

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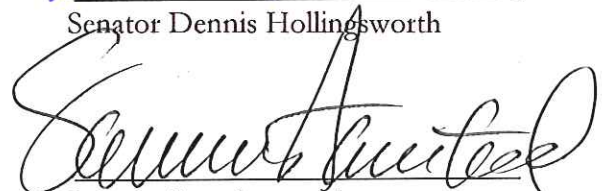

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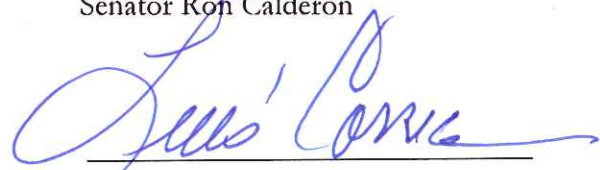

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